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## Fire station bid accepted

Carrizozo town council met Tuesday night with quorum of Mayor Johnson Stearns, councilmen Duff May and Vernon Petty present to take care of considerable business.

Bids on fire station addition were opened and low bid accepted. A. E. Brackeen of Roswell was low at \$18,570, job to be completed in 15 days. Bid from Laub Construction of Roswell was \$19,711.

Bids of fuel to be supplied town were opened, low bidder was W. F. Eckland at 23.30 cents per gallon gasoline and 12.89 on diesel.

Bids on new police car were rejected without being opened because specifications were not complete. New call for police car bids in this issue of the News.

Liquor license ordinance was re-enacted, action that has to be done each year setting the fee for local bars & package stores.

The council approved \$50 for centennial sign, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs have OK'd \$50 for this fund, Corona refused Capitán council to meet Wednesday night. Four by eight foot sign publicizing Lincoln County's centennial are to be

placed at highway entrances to the county.

A letter from Color Cable TV was read to council, gist of letter was that cable patrons could expect better service in Carrizozo.

A resolution was passed stating that the Town of Carrizozo would operate and maintain a municipal golf course and recreation areas should federal funds be made available.

Repair work is being done on Carrizozo swimming pool and opening expected to be June 15.

A call for bids on insurance for extended coverage and vandalism was issued, printed in this issue of the News. Both police car and insurance bids will be opened at special meeting May 27.

Attending the meeting in addition to mayor and councilmen were Clerk Nellie Lee Baker, Atty. H. Eifred Jones, visitors Brackeen, Eckland and E. C. French.

## Lincoln County Classes of 1969

### Corona seniors close the book

Baccalaureate services for the Corona Class of 69 will be held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, May 18 at the high school.

Gloria Lueras will play the processional, the invocation will be given by Karen Garcia. The girls' chorus will sing two numbers, announcements will be made by Prin. J. R. Hughes. The Rev. Thomas J. Mayers of Albuquerque will deliver the sermon. Benediction is by Melcor Marquez.

The big night for Corona seniors comes Monday, May 19, when diplomas will be presented at commencement exercises by Willis Brunson, secretary of the Corona Board of Education.

Camilla Halsten will play the processional and recessional music for the Class of 1969. The invocation will be given by Ivan Benham, salutatory by Frances Allrez and valedictory by Maria Franco, Supt. Lewis Stratton will make introductions, Prin. J. R. Hughes will present the Class of 1969.

The Corona senior class includes: Frances Rita Allrez, Ivan Earl Benham, Jr., Samuel James Davidson, Karen Sue Garcia, Maria Dolores Franco, Ted Byron Lynch, Melcor Robert Marquez, Kay Tracey McKibben, Gretchen Sander, Nolan Forrest Tracey, Mitchel Ray Tyree, Jerry Ray Welch and Eugeno Perez III.

### Tiger class taking trip

Capitan Class of 1969 will be honored at baccalaureate services on May 18 and receive their diplomas at commencement May 23. The 20 members of this class include: Ervin Tommy Aldaz, Orvel Lee Burch, Catherine Alyce Burgess, Arthur Elliott Chavez, Peggy Rae Darling, Homer T. Fillingim, Jr., Phillip Michael Godinez, Mary Gloria Guevara.

Sandra Nell Jobe, Sharon Gail Jobe, James Howard Leslie, Janet Renee Leslie, Edith Fay LaMay, Cynthia Sue LaMay, Christina Alicia Martinez, Richard Montoya Padilla, Allen Reed Sherrill, Jr., Jennie Sue Smith, Hilario Trujillo, Jr., and Frieda Estella Villarreal.

The baccalaureate address will be given by Marshall Pryor, minister of Los Altos Church of the Nazarene in Albuquerque. The commencement speaker is Dr. Phillip S. Ambrose, vice president for student affairs at N. M. State University.

Capitan seniors will leave May 18 right after baccalaureate on trip to the west coast with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Fillingim and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Darling as sponsors, elected by the class.

Their first stop will be at Casa Grande, Arizona where they will stay at the Boots and Saddle motel and visit Mr. and Mrs. George Young. Mr. Young is noted olympic performer and brother of Mrs. Darling. He made all the arrangements in Casa Grande.

They will travel to Anaheim, California and spend three nights at the Kona Kai motel. From this point they will visit Disneyland, Knotts berry farm and other points of interest in and around Los Angeles.

They expect to drive all day Thursday and get back into Capitan early Friday morning for graduation that night. They will travel in the school activity bus with Fillingim and Darling as drivers.



WILD SPRING IN CAPITAN — A heavy hail Monday made Capitan look like winter for sure except that the hail was melting and running off pretty fast.



ZOZO COACHES — Basketball coach Lee Fleming is greeting Coach Stafford of Tucuman who will coach football in Carrizozo next year.

## Soil Stewardship Week 1969

Soil Stewardship Week, a nationwide observance which placed emphasis on man's obligation to God as stewards of the soil and water and other related resources, will be celebrated locally, May 11-18, according to T. A. Pflingsten, Chairman, Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District.

This year's observance with the theme "Controlling The Issue", underscores the responsibility which each citizen has in dealing forthrightly with current issues involving stewardship of renewable natural resources. The Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District and some 3000 companion districts throughout the nation along with their State and National Associations are sponsoring the event for the 15th consecutive year.

Among the local events designed to encourage widespread recognition of Soil Stewardship Week are distribution of placements to various restaurants and the placing of booklets in the doctor's offices. The group plans to attend church as a group on the 18th.

Through the 1969 theme and in the attractively illustrated booklet, emphasis is placed upon confronting today's issues in this complex world.

For example, the booklet points out:

"In a million small worlds, as well as in the great one, our lives become evermore complex. Our attitudes toward natural resources, as toward so many other values, are changing. We are increasingly worried about resource quality. We become more particular about resource uses. And out of these growing concerns an array of issues has emerged requiring judgement. We must consider these issues."

Members of the local Stewardship committee are the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District Ladies Auxiliary.

## Weather

BY Manire

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April 30	80	42	12
May 1	79	40	12
May 2	81	43	10
May 3	82	46	15
May 4	80	42	25
May 5	78	51	12
May 6	63	40	12

May 6 rainfall was .72. Rainfall in April was .31 at the end of April rainfall was 2.02 for the year. In 1967 rainfall was .7 inches for first four months.

## Act creating original Lincoln County makes good reading

**LAW OF NEW MEXICO Chapter VIII**

A judicial act creating and organizing the County of Lincoln. Be it resolved by the legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico

Section 1. That all that portion of the county of Socorro that lies east of a straight line stretching north from the malpais and to the east of said new county; will be and by this act is constituted and established a new county that will have as its name and shall be called the county of Lincoln. The line to the north of said county shall be the dividing line of the county of Valencia. From there it runs in a straight line to the east without touching the boundaries of San Miguel County. And on the south a line running from east to west through the source of Tularosa Spring; and this shall be the fixed line between the counties of Dona Ana and Lincoln.

Section 2. A probate judge and a high sheriff will be elected for this new county of Lincoln and said officials shall be bound to the existing laws of the Territory in the upright fulfillment of their duties and will be elected according to said laws except as otherwise provided by the present act.

Section 3. Within ten days after the passage of this act it will be the duty of the Territorial governor to expedite a proclamation for a special election in each precinct of said county of Lincoln and which shall take place within no less than twenty days and no more than forty days after said proclamation has been expedited, for the purpose of electing the officials named in the second section of this act; and said officials thus elected by said special election will possess their employment until a new

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regular election, when the same employees are elected in all of the counties of the Territory and until their successors are elected and certified.

Section 4. The judge of election of said special election shall be named by the Probate Judge of the county of Socorro, and he also will designate the place of election of each precinct of said county of Lincoln and if the judges of election are not named or should fail to appear or refuse to act, then others shall be elected or named in their place as provided by law for general elections and all laws now in existing in this Territory concerning elections and not opposed to this act, shall be applicable to said special election. That the law of registration of voters shall not take place during this special election. It is further provided that if the probate judge fails to designate a place for said special election then it will be held in the same location as the last general election.

Section 5. The returns of said special election, within ten days after it has been held, shall be referred to said probate judge of the county of Socorro who will declare and certify to the governor of this Territory the results of it and it shall be the duty of the governor upon receiving said certifications to extend to the elected officials their commissions as required by the law of such occupations.

Section 6. The county of Lincoln shall be part of the third judicial district of this Territory and there will be two terms of district court each year at the county seat; beginning with the second Mondays of July and December and continuing until all business of said court has been completed. The term of the probate court shall take place in the county seat of said county as determined by law for the county of Socorro.

Section 7. In the first term of district court of the present second judicial district of the Territory, the judge that presides in said court will be able upon motion, order that any pending case in said district court from any county of said district, whose case belongs to

## Sanders rules no jurisdiction

The case of Ruidoso State Bank vs. Security State Bank of Ruidoso, an effort to stop new bank in Lincoln County, was dismissed Tuesday by Judge Forrest Sanders on basis that the Third Judicial District Court has no jurisdiction in this instance. A hearing on the same case is expected in soon in Santa Fe, possible setting next week.

## Just for Fun!

The Pullman conductor one night found a red lantern hanging on one of the lower berths, so he looked up George, the porter, and asked, "Say, George, why is that red lantern hanging on lower six?"

"Well, Boss, Rule 23 in my rule book says that you should always hang up a red lantern when the rear end of the sleeper is exposed."



PETERSON, SMIDERSON — It got sort of ridiculous when MC Ziggz Lassau was ready to present plaque to departing coach Darrel Peary at sports banquet. Plaque makers had Peterson instead of Peary and Darrell will have to wait for new plaque.

## Candidate John Thompson believes in home rule policy

John Thompson, Ruidoso attorney, filed last week as a candidate for election as a delegate to the New Mexico Constitutional Convention from Lincoln-Sierra district.

Mr. Thompson is a native New Mexican, having been born in Albuquerque, graduated from Santa Fe high school, studied mining engineering at the (then) New Mexico School of Mines at Socorro, later, received his degree in mining from the Mackey School of Mines a division of the University of Nevada.

He left mining engineering to enter the University of New Mexico law department where he received his Bachelor of Law degree. During his period at the University he received the Bancroft-Whitney Award in constitutional law, awarded to the student making highest grade in that department.

Mr. Thompson moved to Lincoln County from Alamogordo in April 1958, first establishing a practice at Carrizozo, and serving as assistant district attorney in 1959-60-61 for both Lincoln and Otero Counties. He moved to Ruidoso in April 1959 where he has continued his practice of law.

He has continued a near lifelong interest in constitutional government and found this study to be most important during his years as district attorney and 9 years as city attorney for Ruidoso. He became very interested in municipal league and municipal government and is now a member of the legislative committee of the Municipal League, which committee does the work of drawing up legislation on behalf of state municipalities.

His primary thought regarding New Mexico's constitution is that the legislature has entirely too much power, some of which should be returned to towns and counties commonly called home rule. We need a more flexible constitution which can bend slightly with the times instead of being so rigid. Mr. Thompson told the News.

The Thompson family includes his wife, Patricia, and one son, Robert attending NMMI at Roswell.

Three candidates in as constitution delegates

The Lincoln Sierra County district will have three candidates on the special ballot for the non-partisan Constitutional Convention Delegate Election to be held on the 17th day of May, 1969.

The election is for the purpose of electing 70 delegates to a constitutional convention to revise or amend the Constitution of New Mexico. The Lincoln-Sierra district will elect one delegate.

Rep. Ralph Petty of Ruidoso announced his candidacy early and filed with the Secretary of State on May 1, the filing date for all candidates in the state. John Thompson announced as a candidate in this race shortly before the filing date.

Sierra county has one candidate, Rob Cox, rancher and former county commissioner of that county. Myrtle Torres is treasurer for Cox campaign.

## Foreman opposes census red tape

U. S. Representative Ed Foreman has submitted legislation in opposition to a move by the Census Bureau requiring a mandatory response to questions which the Bureau intends to present to more than 200 million Americans next year.

Foreman and many other members of congress have expressed concern over the relevancy of many of the questions to Secretary of Commerce, Maurice Stans. In a reply letter to Foreman, secretary Stans said that he intends to exercise greater supervision over the general operations of the Bureau of the Census.

Unless the Foreman Bill is approved by the Congress, the 1970 Census will still require statements of personal income from all sources, property value, rent paid and marital status, including the number of marriages their dates and divorce information.

Alto invites for hospitality day

Alto community of Lincoln County, New Mexico is celebrating the centennial year with open house and tour of the area on Saturday May 17 from noon to 5:00 p.m.

As guests arrive in the area they are invited to register at High Country Lodge, on Highway 37 where they will be met by a group of hostesses: Mrs. John Hall, Mrs. F. B. Lindamood, Mrs. Dona Peoples, Miss Jane Scribner and Mrs. Gene Wilson. Mrs. Tom Montgomery will tend the guest book.

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The inside pages of this Lincoln County News are full of features, like "Stags of McEwen Homs, talent show pictures, centennial features, plus a real good run of news."

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things as the new High Country Lodge, LaJunta Ranch north of Alto in Sun Valley, High Mesa Ranch where quarter horses are bred and trained for racing, the Allen, Chapman, Montgomery and Kincaid chinchilla farms and Blood's dairy in Gavilan Canyon.

The tour will also include one of the older ranches of the area where five generations of the Peoples family have lived and worked at ranching.

The old postoffice is soon to go and visitors will see the new postoffice location on Lake Shore Drive in the Alto Village subdivision as well as the new

golf course, Edelweiss Village will have openhouse with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Corbell as host and hostess.

Refreshments will be served at several places along the route. Ruidoso Lions Club is loaning big flags to mark the tour route. The Ruidoso Jeep Club will have vehicles to take people on tours if they don't want to drive their own cars. There will be a display of "then and now" pictures of Alto at High Country Lodge. It all adds up to a pleasant afternoon in Lincoln County during the centennial year 1869-1969

# EDITOR'S CORNER

## Togetherhness

There was a feeling of togetherhness present at the sports banquet Tuesday night that is missing from other occasions or group meetings in our town. Several races, several crowds, educated and uneducated, a few well-to-do along with us poorer types, all ages of men, women, and young people, all hungry for companionship of the evening as well as food.

We need togetherhness in our town, for the good of our people as well as the town. Little

togetherhness exists between civic clubs, lodges, churches, or any groups you name during the average week.

If it takes more sports to bring us together -- let us have more sports. School is about done, summer is at hand with three months when young people have much of each day to devote to something. Let's go ahead with our 'togetherhness' this summer and not waste three months of such a good thing.

## Hard line is tough row

The white, gray and black areas of right or wrong are changing. What used to be a sin fit for much praying is now a common way of life for many people. And, turning back the pages of history to possibly a more reasoned, a more calm, a more unmolested, a more do-it-yourself way of life is a most difficult task for any concerned person.

With taxes putting such a bite on earnings, it becomes an accepted way of life for people to search for ways to 'beat the government'. With wages and material cost like they are, it follows naturally that manufacturers should seek ways of competing like getting work done out-of-country. With both mama and papa working, especially since World War II, it should be understood that generations of children are growing up without proper parental care and as a consequence juvenile problems double each year.

With minority groups of several distinctions reacting to our affluent society by staging all sorts of riots over slightest provocation, with a government philosophy that a few million dollars of tax money can cure any social ill, with generations of people used to being supplied the necessities of life without effort on their part -

Where do you turn for any other way of life.

The hard line of running our universities, for the sole good of students who do want an education, is resisted by both students and professors. The hard line of law enforcement is resisted by lawbreakers and law-makers. The hard line of expecting people to work if they want to eat is resisted by bureaucrats as well as freeloaders. Even the hard line of living a Christian life has points of resistance among church people as well as those who have lost the faith.

The best we can do is to stick to values we know to be right, and right there we are bumping heads with millions of people and a big government spawning ideas and laws that fit in the gray area between right and wrong.

If there be any solution, if there be any way out of what can rightly be called a mess, if there be any way for this nation to survive strong for another 100 years -- it can only be through the return to homo ruler -- that is, let people in lower levels of city, county, state tend to their own affairs . . . right or wrong . . . good or bad, on this basis our nation might survive.

## Real thoughty

With memories of times when a picnic in the local park was a big deal, and you could walk to it, we think it real wonderful that Captain sixth and seventh graders got to go to El Paso to see the Ringling Bros. circus. These 42 youngsters have worked hard during the school year, wore-up-in-their-studies

and the day off came as a nice reward. Not only did they see the circus but toured interesting points across the border as well.

These Captain school people, Mrs. Cy Galas, Louisa Ferguson and Duano Darling are to be complimented on their thoughtfulness.



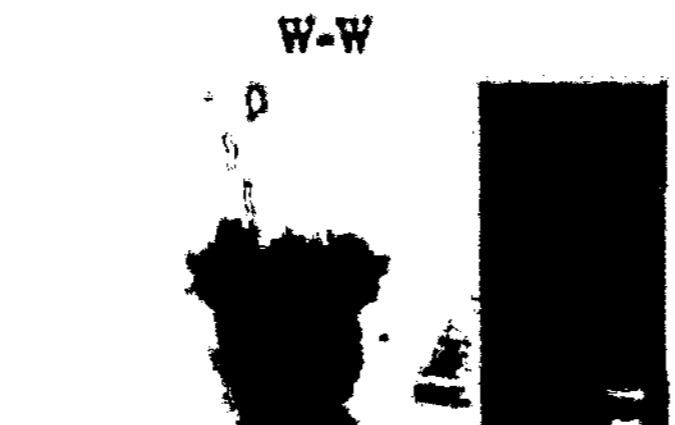
**PROCLAMATION** — Governor David F. Cargo presents proclamation designating the week of May 11-18th as Soil Stewardship Week in New Mexico. Mr. A. T. (Bert) Pfingsten, left, President of the State Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Mrs. A. T. Pfingsten, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, and Bud F. A. Svalberg, Executive Secretary of the State Soil and Water Conservation-Committee accept the proclamation.

Jim Ham's dog Duke is a real rattler, he catches 25 or so each year. Jim says that if he leaves the dog alone it will circle a rattler making it strike and while the snake is extended will grab it in the middle and godbye snake. At first this dog wouldn't bark at anything but snake, now Jim can tell if dog has corraled snake by way its hair stands up because Duke barks at all sorts of varmints.

Kathleen O'Donnell in Ellsworth supplies us with editorial copy, last by Charles Shuman of Farm Bureau telling how compulsory Federal deduct programs in operation covering lamb, wool and cotton, failed in its purpose of boosting consumption of lamb and wool. Shuman concluded that consumer acceptance must be based on quality and competitive pricing. Farmers have been on government programs so long they're out of touch with competition, this comment by Payton.

Don Perkins did good as sports speaker, stressing fact that athletes must sacrifice to be successful. Athletics should be fun. Athletes should not be content with losing, they need to learn how to compete, but there is a greater message in athletics than just winning. His words to seniors -- many habits you've developed will follow you the rest of your life. Lots of good words for coaches from Perkins, who figures they help lots of boys in need of help.

Something we didn't know -- when Bernio Laabs came to Carrizozo the playing field had a five-foot slope, team won only one game ahead of him, probably because of the climb. Anyway, Bernio put Zozo in the state playoffs and the field was leveled the next year.



**CURIOUS PUP** — A calm terrier named Jude is spending few weeks with Payton dachunds. He's interested in the world, looking out front door of News office.

Tiny Mackey came out of the shower and told coach Percy he wanted to know his weight soaking wet, so he got on the scales. Answer 120 pounds.

Welcome to the happy throg -- Lyle Kathman and Charles McClellan new owners of the Rukoso News, also operators of commercial printing plant. They need a newspaper like a hole in their heads, but it's happy work, at least it's work. Burnetts sold out to Vic Lamb on Tuesday, he sold to Kathman and McClellan on Thursday.

Office girl: 'I'd like to give notice, I'm leaving at the end of the month.' Boss: 'Why? Do you want to better yourself?' Office girl: 'Oh no, it's not that, I'm getting married!' In the olden days, men's greatest fear was that a woman would take it to heart; today, his greatest fear is that she will take it to court.

## LETTERS

Dear Mr. Payton: I want to renew the Lincoln County News, I certainly enjoy reading about what's going on, especially in Carrizozo, there seems to be a lot of activity and that 'Zozo' is going ahead. I am a former Carrizozolan, we left there in 1924. My parents were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lalone.

I still come across some of the names of people I remember. Although it's been a long time since we left I still have very deep and fond memories of 'Zozo', White Oaks, in fact Lincoln County. Thanking you Mrs. Josephine Van Winckle 252 Ramona Sierra Madre, California

Tularosa, N. M. April 21, 1969 Mr. Paul Payton

I have been reading the Lincoln County stories and all the news about the centennial, and enjoy it very much. I was born and raised in Lincoln County, have been taking the Carrizozo paper for over 35 years. I am going to attend some of the celebrations this summer. I enjoy all the old timers. Yours truly Tom Blingham

Enclosed is a favorite story on an old timer who is also a relative of mine.

Corona, New Mexico April 18, 1969

Dear Paul, Just a note to say how much we appreciated the lovely poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning in yesterday's paper. It truly took away the 'bad taste left in the soul'. Thanks so very much. Our regards and best wishes to Eleanor. Both of you come to see us sometime. Gratefully Ken & Frances Fuller

## "Pezcharenas"

Jesse May, one of Lincoln County's old timers, lived in Nogal from the turn of the century until the early forties. He was known to be a good neighbor; it never got too cold or too dark to help anyone in need. This incident happened in the roaring twenties and Jesse was known to do anything for a little 'fun, marbles and chalk.' Jesse had small peach orchard. The drought had been pretty severe that year, and water was so scarce that the peach crop was very small, hard and slow to ripen. He gathered several boxes of the best peaches he could find in his orchard, loaded them into his Model 'T' Ford, and drove in to Carrizozo to peddle them. Jesse was known for his ability to buy, sell and trade, and it was not uncommon to see him peddling various commodities on the streets of Carrizozo. But try as he did, Jesse did not have any luck selling his peaches. He went to the local general mercantile and purchased a roll of white wrapping paper. That night he took several lugs, and carefully arranged the

peaches in neat rows in the lugs, with the white wrapping paper between the layers, then nailed the tops down on the lugs. Next day Jesse went in to Carrizozo again, and approached the first house he decided to try his new selling technique on. 'Madam, I have some fine peach-a-renas for sale.' 'Peach-a-renas??? I never heard of that. What are they?' the housewife would say. Then Jesse would tell the unsuspecting housewife that a truck, loaded with these fine peach-a-renas from California, had broken down outside of town, and he had volunteered to purchase the fruit from the trucker to keep him from losing it. All Jesse wanted to do was make enough for his gasoline. Jesse was successful in selling all of his 'peach-a-renas' for a fabulous price!

## The incident of Jose Chavez y Chavez

By Amanda Treat

A page from the Memoirs of my brother Harry H. Aguayo who lived almost his entire life in Lincoln County. He died April 20, 1960, at the age of eighty-five.

He wrote: 'This incident of Jose Chavez Y Chavez took place during the Lincoln County War.' 'One day when I was about six years old, another boy, Adolfo Romero, and I, were playing marbles near Captain Baca's house in Lincoln, when a man passed us going in the direction of the makeshift jailhouse which was only a big adobe shed used only when the regular jail was full.

'Inside this shed a row of posts had been buried in the ground and an iron ring was attached to the post in a way that it would hold anything that was tied to it. Here several prisoners were being kept for various reasons, chained fast to these posts, shackles on their feet and handcuffs on their wrists, with no chance of getting loose until freed by someone. We boys were so close to this prison that we could hear the rattling of the chains when these poor prisoners moved.

'Then this man with a brand new rifle passed by us and said - 'Hello, boys, playing marbles, are you?' Then he went into the shed and after a moment we heard two shots, and a man screamed out - Oh, God! Then all was silent. In another moment us boys again heard him say - 'No --- Gringo can take my gun away from me and get away with it', and he hurried on up to the town.

'The next day my father saw him leaving town, riding a good horse and leading a loaded pack horse, and the last heard of him was that he had gone to Las Vegas, New Mexico and had joined the White Cap gang of outlaws. Later he turned out to be a desperate outlaw evading the law for years by hiding out in the rough mountains of northern New Mexico. Finally it was learned that he was herding sheep for some big sheep man. Later an officer disguised as a shepherd applied for a job at the same ranch. The two men were sent out to a sheep camp together where they stayed together for some time, the officer watching for the chance to get the drop on Chavez, which one day he did, disarmed him, took him to town and turned him over to the officers there. He was put in jail and later sent to the penitentiary for life.'

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**STRANGERS IN TOWN** — While taking pictures of the new equipment at EZ Wash & Dry Laundry the News photographer was surprised at home towns of ladies using the laundry. Top picture, Mrs. Ken Winburn of Minnesota whose husband is surveyor with Transwestern. Middle Mrs. Jes Hickman of Santa Fe whose husband is with Jones Construction Co. at Nogal. Bottom, Opal Hill showing one of the new dryers. Mrs. Hill will be pleased to show you these new laundry machines.

## Our View Of..... LINCOLN COUNTY



GOOD SPEAKER BRINGS OUT BIG CROWD — Largest crowd of Grizzly Boosters ever to gather for sports award banquet came out to hear Don Perkins, Dallas Cowboy pro football player, and they thoroughly enjoyed the talk, the feed, and seeing Grizzly athletes get their awards. Sure a fine evening. Paden's Drug Store "ACCURATE PRESCRIPTION SERVICE" Phone 648-2361 • Carrizozo, N. M. CLOSED SUNDAYS

## THE WAY OF THE... West

If opening day of fishing at Bonito was a good for all fishers as for Jimmy Lucero -- big day. Jimmy brought home a fine string of trout. Mother's Day, May 11 this year is one of our real nice days. Any little thing you do for your mother will be appreciated. Page of advertising in the News should give you some ideas, like taking mother out of the kitchen for dinner at 4-Wins and giving her full day off from house hold duties -- she'd like that. A gift that you select would surely add to her day. New friend at our house is Cairn Terrier eight weeks old. Nothing unusual about this pup

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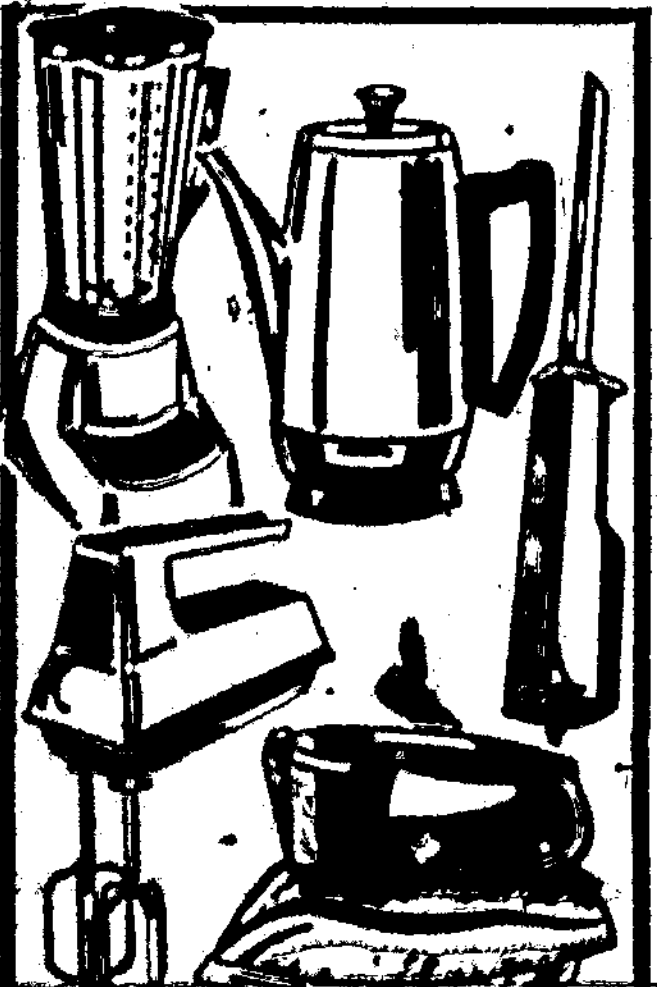


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# Mother's Day Love-in

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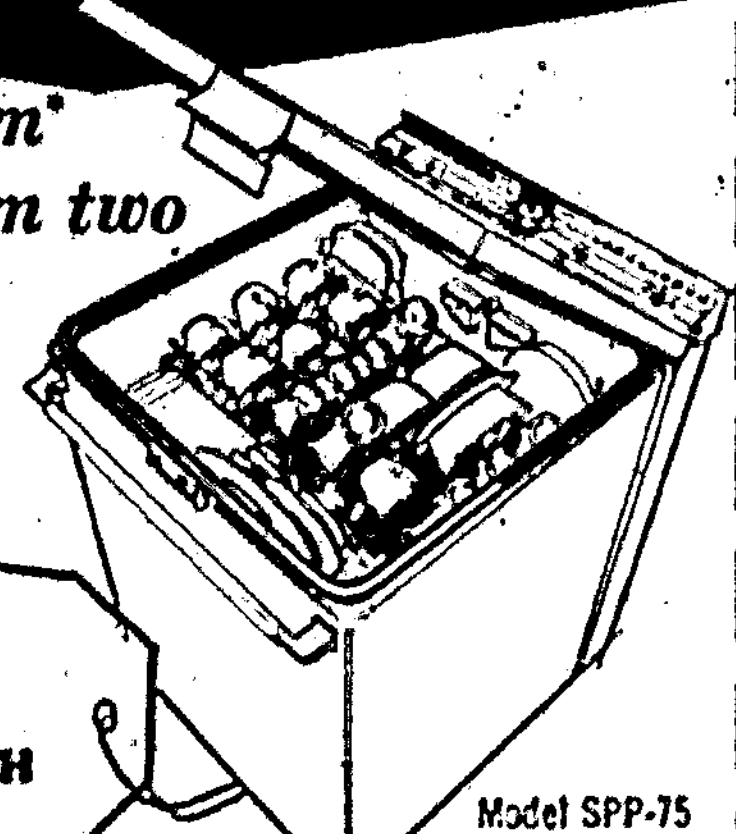
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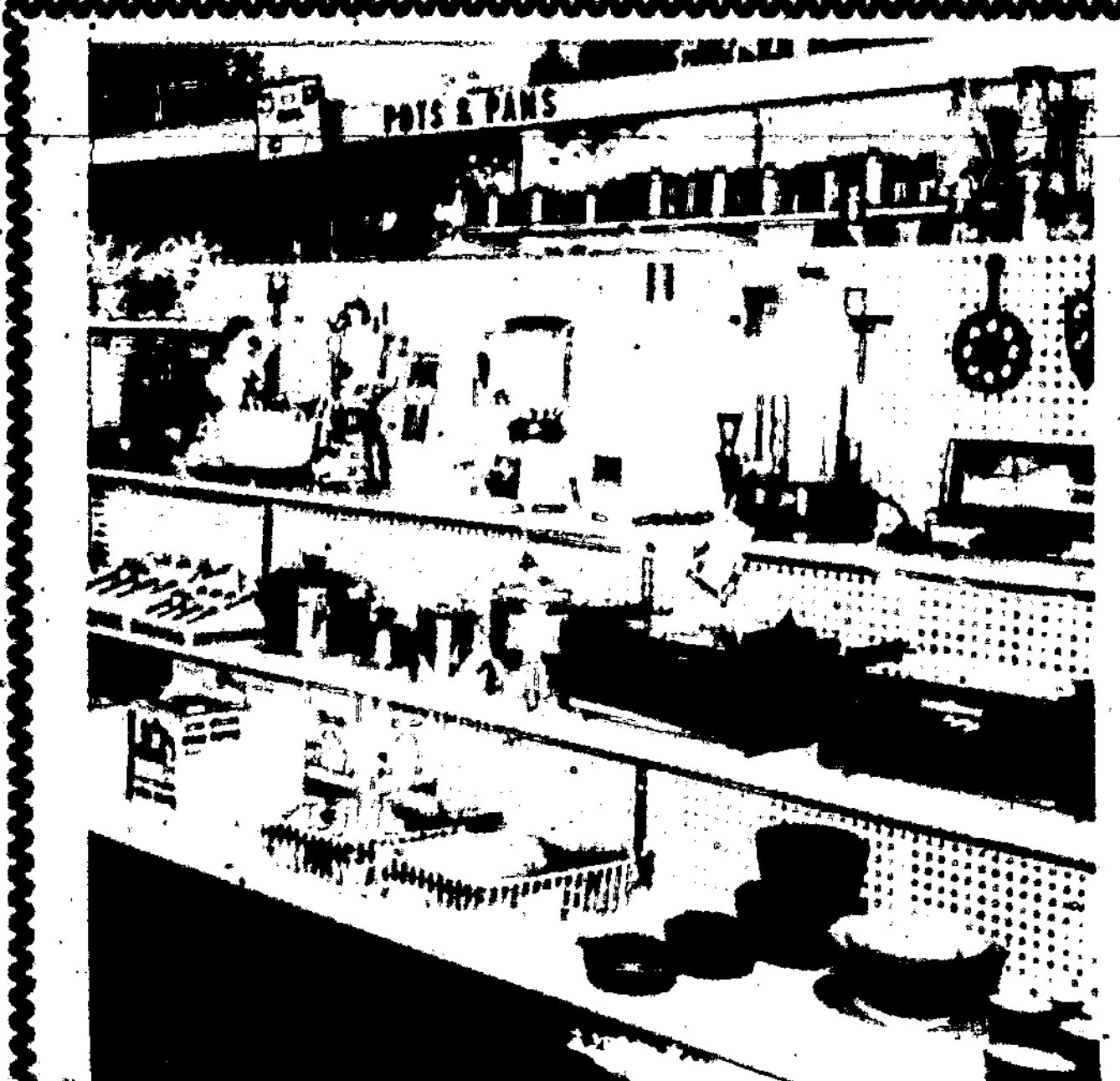
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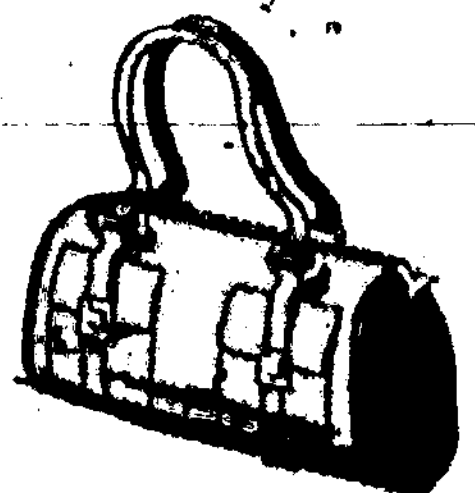
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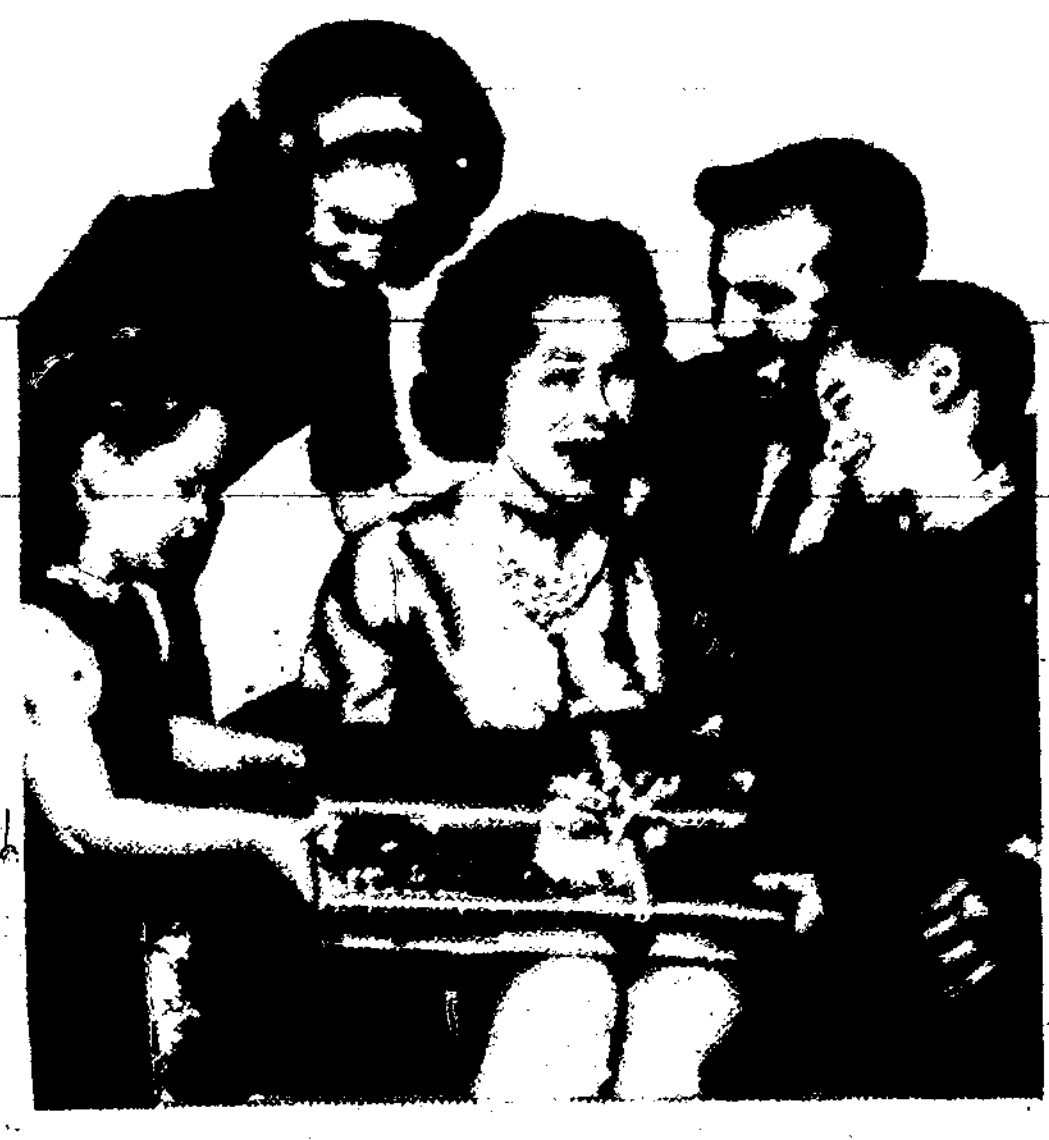
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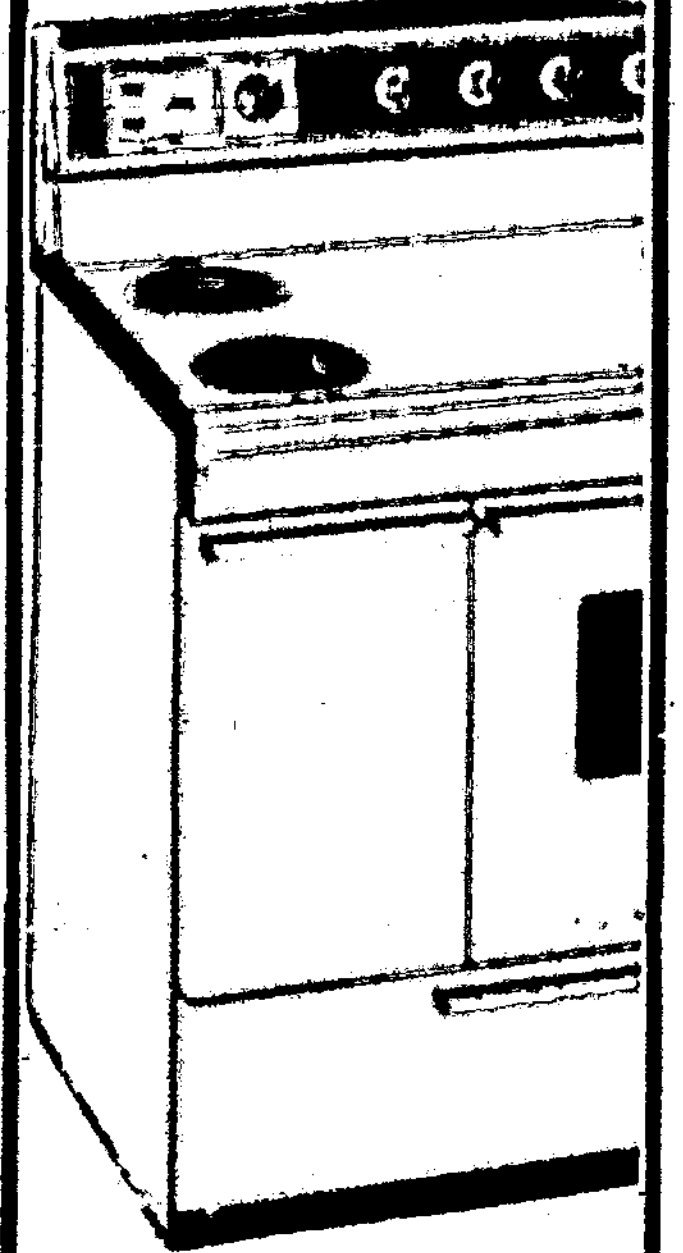
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**MOTHER'S DAY**  
MAY 11

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# SPRING By Eleanor Payton Social events *is in the Air*

## Rep. Petty is speaker

About 80 men and women attended the Democratic Women's Club meeting April 29 at the Recreation Center in Carrizozo.

Mrs. Ramon Nunez gave the invocation. Mrs. Elnora Jorren, president of the club conducted a short business meeting. Fern Sawyer, Co. chairman spoke

to the group. Mrs. Nunez program chairman introduced the guest speaker, Ralph Petty Jr., State Legislator from Lincoln - Sierra Counties, who gave a talk pertaining to the recent legislature and a question and answer period followed.

Ten new members joined the club and six men gave donations. Mary Ellen Payne and her committee were to be commended for their preparations, decorations and delicious buffet dinner.

### "Around Town"

By Minnie Lee Neill

Mrs. Tino Lopez and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lueras and family visited Tino, Jr. in Espanola and attended the Ringling Bros. circus in Albuquerque.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lucero visited the Burgett Floral shop near Cloudcroft and then went on to Cloudcroft and Ruidoso.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Graves and daughter, Nancy, of El Paso visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McDaniel this weekend.

Mrs. W. H. Quinn is visiting her daughter, Erma Strohmeier. They attended the Rose Festival in Tularosa Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orme Johnson attended the Spanish Fiesta in Honda Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie McDaniel of Tucumcari visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McDaniel.

Scott Shafer was home this weekend from NMSU Las Cruces.

Barbara Roper has finished her work at the Beauty School Roswell and is now ready to begin work at The Lucky Star Beauty Shop.

Captain Gilbert Ortiz, wife and two daughters will arrive Friday to visit Gilbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ortiz. He will report to Castle Air Force Base in California, May 25th for overseas duty.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rickerson went to Dallas last week to visit Rick's mother.

Haidane (Stover) Cravy of Belen visited Mae Shafer Monday.

Colonel M. R. Lemon of Washington, D. C. arrived Thursday and will be here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lemon and Ellen Cady for several days.

Miller French of Portland, Oregon who graduated from high school here, has been working for the Public Bureau of Roads for 34 years and recently retired and is now doing some visiting. He stopped by Sunday and visited with the R. E. Lemons.

The fishing season opened Saturday morning at Bonita Lake. Ruben Chavez and Bill Lindsay reported not much luck.

Mrs. Woodrow Dilbeck and daughter, Gwyn of Los Lunas were visitors in the T. F. Fallis home Friday.

Don and Dorothy Queen of Silver City came Friday to visit in the R. E. Lemon home then the Queens and Ellen Cady went to El Paso and came back Sunday.

Maggie (Gallacher) Kelt of Tucumcari was here Sunday and visited in the Lemon home.

Mr. R. E. Lemon is much improved and is able to be around in the home some.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kirby have moved into their new home and they moved Mrs. Kirby's father from the hospital into the new home. He had been in the hospital for some time so I know that it was wonderful for him to be out in the open again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wells and children and Jay Barnes went to Albuquerque Sunday to visit the Ringling Bros. Circus. There was a revival in progress at their church so they attended church in the evening before driving home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warner went to Las Vegas last week and then on to Santa Fe to visit Rebecca's brother, Frank Blincoe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hernandez and family attended the Rose Festival in Tularosa Saturday evening.

The Town and Country Bridge and Luncheon Club will meet with Mrs. Robert Shafer Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Barnes had as their guests this weekend Oscar's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dorsett of Lordsburg.

W. E. Mitchell, a brother of Mrs. Barnes visited Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Barnes Thursday.

Thelma Murphy had the Carrizozo Desert Bridge Club Friday afternoon at the Cottage.

Jackie Spencer was high score and Annie Withers second high. Markon Spencer was the visiting guest.

Mrs. Dan Ortiz returned home Saturday from the hospital in Ruidoso.

Mr. Leon Look and his sons had good luck fishing at Bonita Lake Sunday.



**SPEAKER TABLE** — Mrs. Carl Jorren, president of the Democratic Women's Club is conducting business meeting. Fern Sawyer, county chairman and Ralph Petty Jr., state representative were both speakers at this occasion. On right is Mr. Jorren and Mrs. Petty.



**GIRL OF THE YEAR** — Anne Ferguson was selected to receive the "Girl of the year" award by Gamma Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and the award was made at banquet at Silver Dollar last week by President Phoebe Mae Taylor.

## Social hour commemorates anniversary

XI Beta Epsilon of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Rogene Alford with Mrs. L. L. Carnell, president, in charge of the business session. Plans for the Founder's Day were finalized and the library

project discussed.

Words for study were novella and nuance. Mrs. R. A. Perkins presented a program on the "Enjoyment of Art" developed from the outline "Festival of Life" with particular emphasis on the enjoyment of music, and the language arts of drama, prose, poetry and fiction. Selections of music were played throughout the evening and poetry was read. Roll call was answered by stating what change, if any, there had been in the individual's taste for music through the years.

The social hour commemorated the second anniversary of the chapter. The refreshment table was laid with a white lace cloth over pink satin and was centered with a psychedelic arrangement of red roses and a star. The strawberry birthday cake was decorated with red roses and two candios. Ice cream, rose mints, nuts, pink punch and coffee were served with the cake to Mrs. Carnell, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. W. T. Tyree Jr., Mrs. J. Davidson, J., Sherrill Perkins and Mrs. John Tracey. A highlight of the evening was a telephoned "Happy Birthday" from Mrs. Beony Hendricks who was hospitalized in Ruidoso at the time.



Mrs. Eunice R. Farless

## Retires from long years at switchboard

A former Carrizozo resident, Mrs. Eunice R. Farless, retired recently from Mountain States Telephone after more than 20 years of service.

Mrs. Farless attended grade school at Angus, N. M., and graduated from Captain High School. She began her career here (Carrizozo) on July 12, 1948.

Transferring to Las Cruces in 1964, she retired as an operator in company's traffic department.

Mrs. Farless has one daughter, Mrs. Barbara Thomas, who lives in El Paso.

Her sister, Mrs. Elmer Huat, and her brother, Manuel Jones are Carrizozo residents.

\$100.00 for payment of Baptist Church windows

The Friendship class of the Baptist church met with Mrs. T. J. Chisbalm Monday evening.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Chisbalm. Mrs. Ball gave the devotional. Minutes were read by Minnie Neill.

There was a business meeting and it was agreed for the class to make a payment now of \$100.00 for windows for the church.

Mrs. Kerby presented two games.

Those attending were Minnie Sadler, Kerby, Means, Simmons, Eaker, Peacock, Ball, Neill and the hostess Mrs. Chisbalm.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Kerby May 12th.

## SCHOOL NEWS

All library books must be checked into the library no later than Tuesday, May 6.

The Band Spring Concert was given Monday night in the gym.

The Science Club met Monday at 6:30 p.m. and elected officers for another year.

The Athletic Award Banquet was held Tuesday night in the cafeteria. The food was prepared by the mothers. Don Perkins, one of the best football players over to come out of the New Mexico Colleges was the guest speaker.

Mr. Fleming and Mr. Percy will take their 7th and 8th grade track team to Captain at 1:30 Thursday.

Friday the district track team will meet in Eunice.

Sunday the Industrial Shop boys under the supervision of Mr. Troy Sadler will have open house from 3 to 5 p.m. in the multi purpose room. There will be a door prize and donations on a coffee table. Refreshments will be served.

The Kindergarten Commencement under the supervision of Mrs. Wetzel will be given Tuesday evening, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the multi purpose room of the Manro Building.

Mrs. Eaker's room is making gifts for Mother's Day. She has given the Stanford Achievement and will also give the SRA test.

Mrs. Sherrill and Mrs. Germany plan to take both second grades on a field trip Wednesday, May 4th.

Mrs. Wilson gave Stanford Achievement tests Monday.

Mrs. Wilson's first grade will go on a picnic in Nogal Canyon Friday the 9th.

The high school is all a flutter getting ready for the Junior Banquet and Prom Saturday. The banquet will begin at 6:30 and prom at 9:00 p.m. The theme for the prom is Nights in White Satin and the music is furnished by the Hysterical Society Band of Amarillo, Texas.

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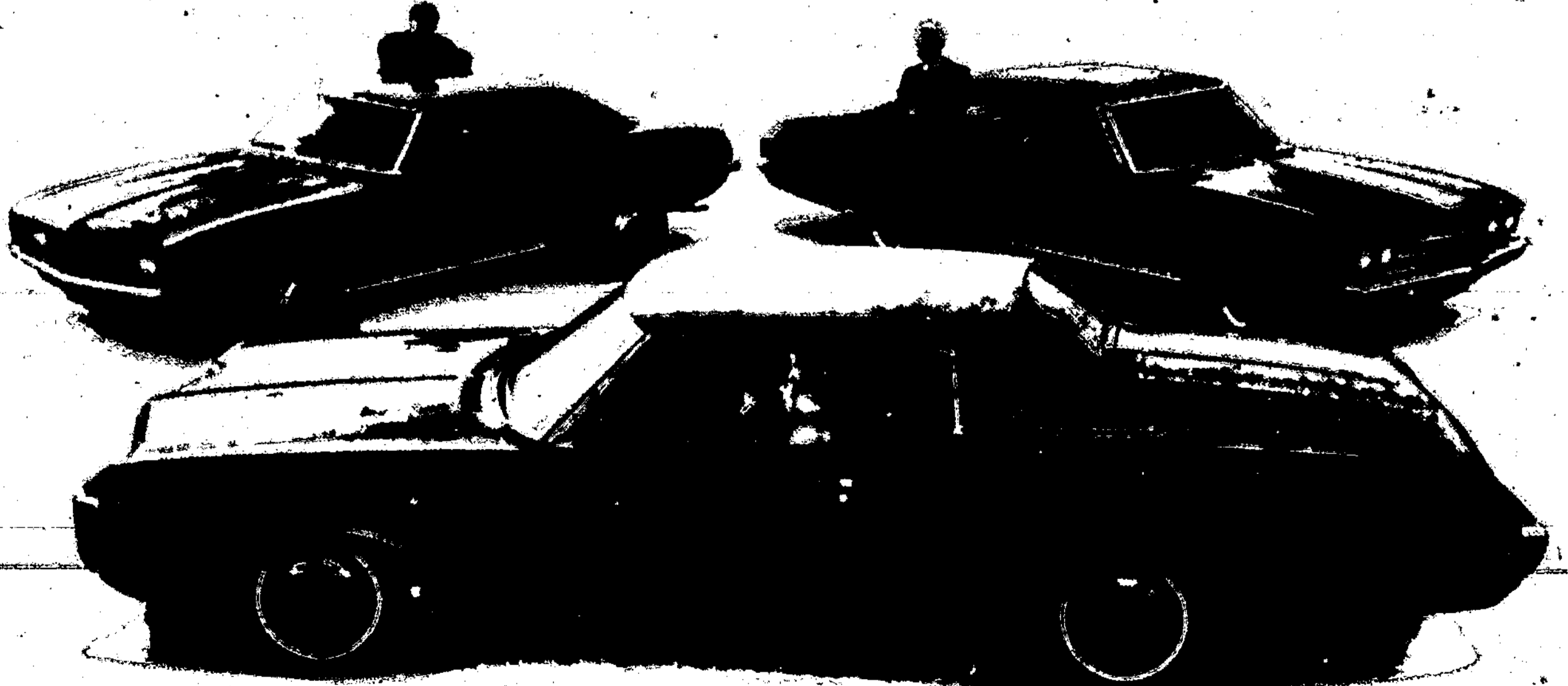
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If you equip Camaro with Powerglide, the new 250-hp 350 V8 that runs on regular gas, advanced-design power disc brakes, whitewall tires and wheel covers, the price is \$147\* less than last year's model with comparable equipment, including head restraints.

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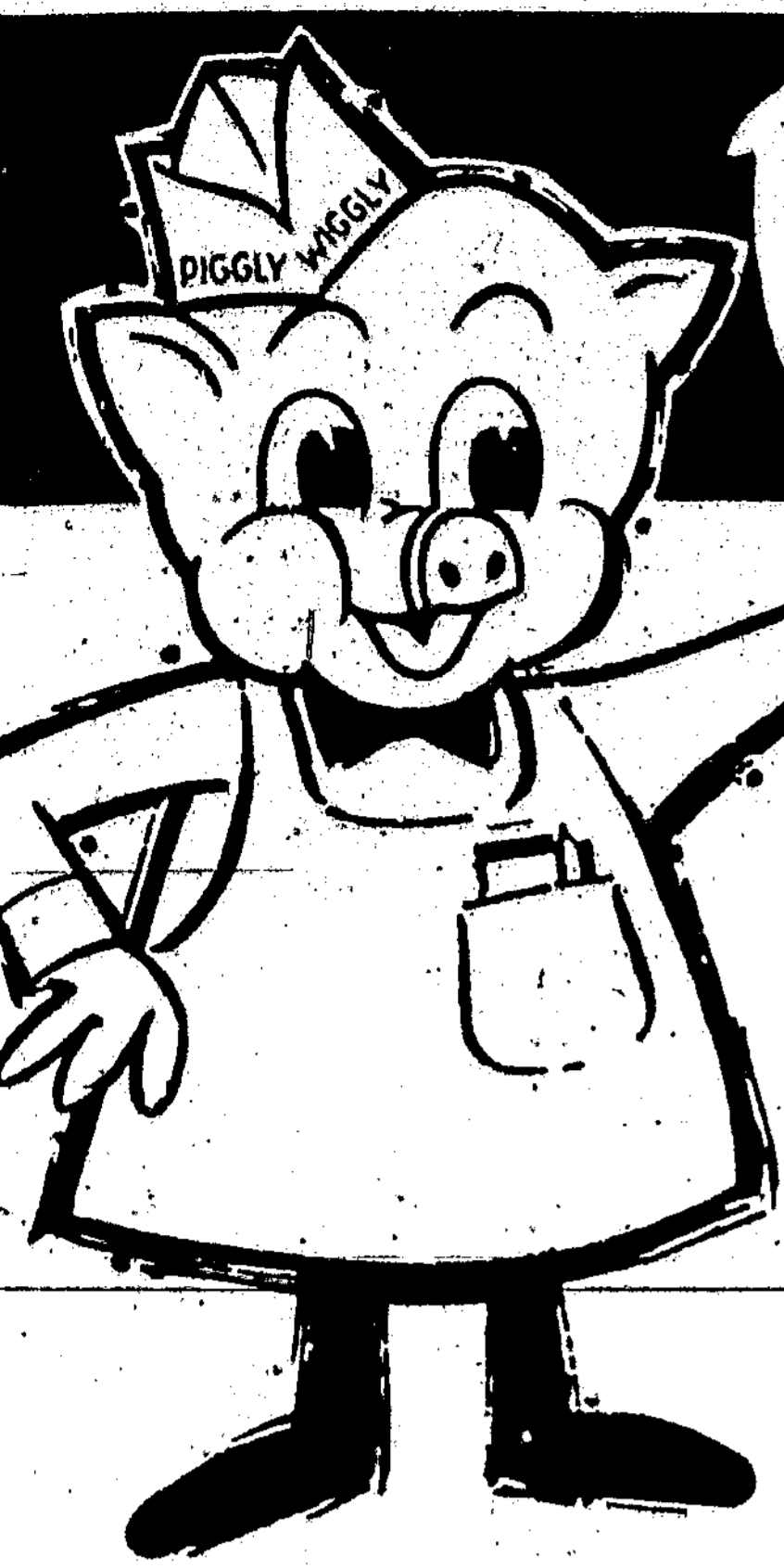
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- Non Dairy Coffee Lighter **COFFEE-MATE** ..... 10 Ounce Jar \$1.09
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  - Schilling's Fresh Ground **BLACK PEPPER** ..... 4 Ounce Can 39c
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  - Kraft Miniature **MARSHMALLOWS** ..... 10 Ounce 25c
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# The vicious struggle which terminated the Lincoln War

By Rafaelita Pryor  
(Note from News editor--- Rafaelita Pryor has the closest connection, being granddaughter of Capt. Saturnino Baca, one of the most widely read about "The War" having worked in Old Lincoln Town museum for 26 years, of all people in Lincoln County)

Explanatory note: Rafaelita Pryor is the granddaughter of Captain Saturnino Baca of Lincoln, New Mexico. Her grandfather was in Lincoln during the terrible three days' battle and a witness to many of the things that occurred. Her brother's father-in-law, Ygnio Salazar, was not only a witness but a participant and a survivor of that ordeal.

Thirty-six years ago, when Mrs. Pryor was a senior in high school, she asked Mr. Salazar for an account of that famous encounter and he gave a record of his experiences and observations.

Captain Baca was born in Valencia County in 1830. He was a member of the Territorial Legislature of New Mexico and in 1869 he introduced into it a bill which created Lincoln County, comprising all the territory which is now Lincoln, Chavez, Eddy, Roosevelt, Lea, and part of Otero Counties. It encompassed almost one-fourth of the Territory of New Mexico.

His obituary records: "At the beginning of the Civil War, Baca offered his services to Gov. Henry Connelly, and in 1861 was made a first lieutenant in Co. F, First New Mexico Cavalry, which was under the command of Kit Carson. . . Before the war was over Baca was captain of Co. F and he remained at its head until his discharge in 1867. He participated in the battle of Val Verde on the Rio Grande."

Following the war Captain Baca served at Fort Stanton, Wingate, and Bascom, and also at Fort Defiance in Arizona. Captain Baca became the first probate judge in Lincoln County. He was elected sheriff in 1873 and served for three years. Later he was county commissioner. Captain Baca died at the age of ninety-four in Lincoln at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Frank Salazar. He was buried in Lincoln Cemetery.

Mrs. Pryor's maternal grandfather was Bernardo Salazar; Ygnio Salazar was her brother's father-in-law, whose life was saved by his pretending to be dead while he lay wounded in the dooryard of the McSween house. Both he and Captain Saturnino Baca agreed on the following story.

Lincoln was settled in the early 1850s by Spanish pioneers who came from both the Rio Grande and northern New Mexico. They named the village La Placita del Rio Bonito, "The Little Town by the Pretty River." It consisted of a few adobe houses built about a plaza, and El Torreon, the fortified tower built for protection against the Apaches.

In 1869 the name was changed to Lincoln and it became the county seat of a huge county which occupied almost one-quarter of the territory.

Because of the development of the great cattle ranges of the Southwest rival factions were created. That on the Pecos was led by John Chisum; Tom Catron, leader of the infamous Santa Fe Ring, was the hidden power that controlled the faction led by Murphy who owned the trading post at Lincoln.

Alexander McSween, an attorney, who with his vivacious wife, Susan, moved to Lincoln, was employed by Murphy, former trader at Fort Stanton, J. H. Tunstall, an Englishman, had come into the country and purchased a ranch on the Feltz which he stocked with cattle. In 1877 he employed William Bonney, known as Billy the Kid, as a cowboy.

Lawrence C. Murphy, formerly a major at Fort Sumner, controlled the finances of the area largely through extending credit to ranchers who paid when they sold their year's products, usually hay or cattle. Murphy had the contracts to furnish the former to supply the cavalry horses at the fort. Chisum had the beef contracts.

Inevitably the factions clashed. Murphy had the support of the Santa Fe Ring; Chisum's adherents were McSween, many small ranchers, and William Bonney. Maurice Garland Fulton, outstanding historian of the Lincoln County War, said that the conflict was a contest between the two men with the Pecos Valley as the pawn.

The controversy culminated in a battle lasting three days. The McSween faction took refuge in the attorney's adobe house in Lincoln. Billy Bonney with some of his followers visited McSween for the purpose of planning their strategy, but was far-sighted enough to leave reserves under Chavez with a dozen of their best marksmen to act as a rear guard. These men took refuge in the Patron and Montano homes which at that time were in use as hotels.

Inside the McSween house were Billy the Kid, McSween, O'Folliard, French, Doc Scurlock, Ygnio Salazar, Harvey Morris, Zamora, Ignacio Gonzales, Mrs. McSween and her relative Mrs. Ealy, wife of Lincoln's Presbyterian minister.

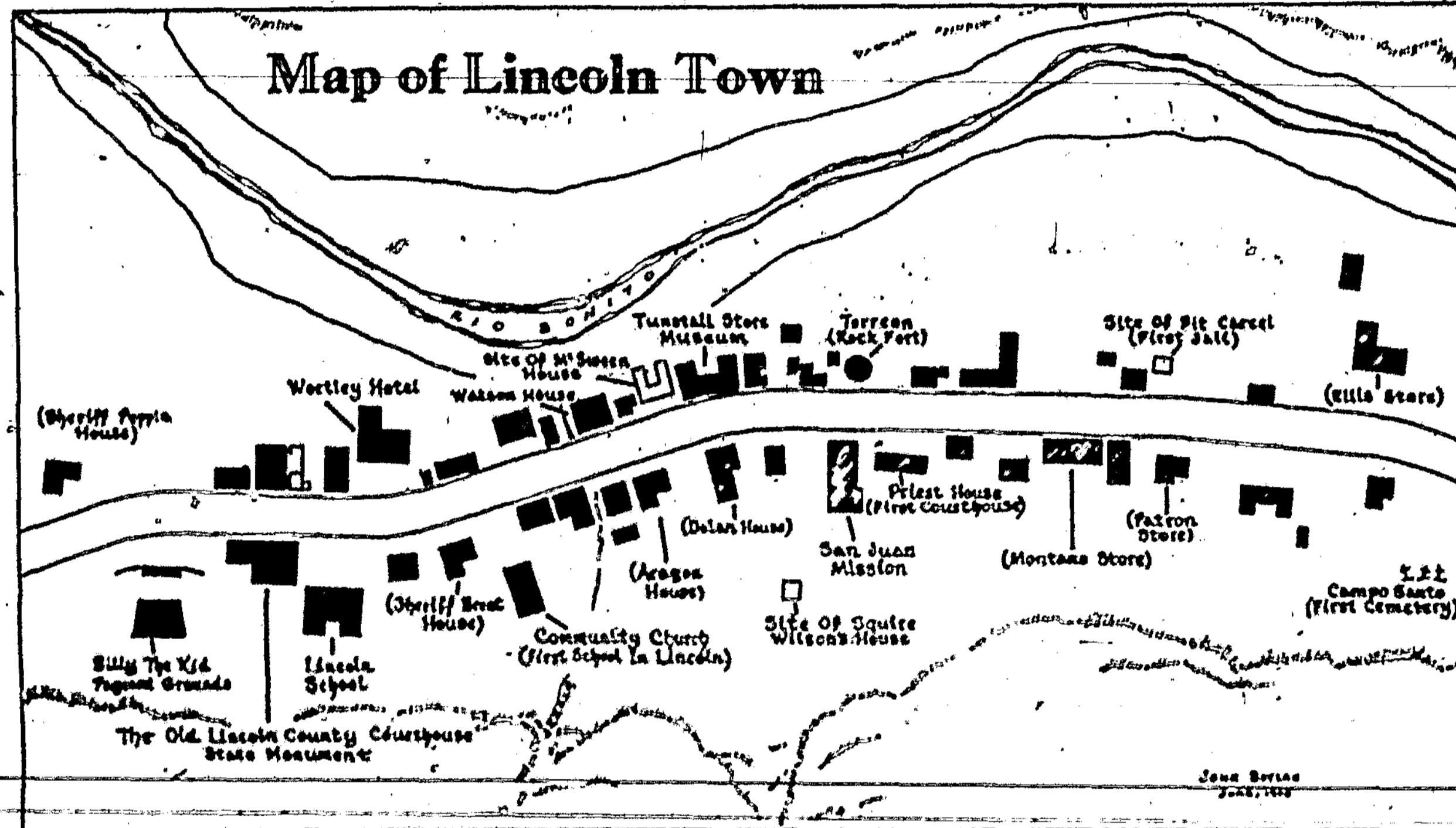
Murphy's henchmen learned of the party's being at McSween's and about twenty-five of his men surrounded the building. Deputy Sheriff Marlon Turner yelled to the inmates, "Billy, the house is surrounded. Come out with your hands up!"

Across the street in the Patron and Montano houses McSween's men were gathered for battle. Murphy's gunfighters were hidden in his hotel and store,



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ready for attack. Gunfire burst from the bushes and the Murphy "hideouts," and bullets thudded against the thick adobe walls of the McSween home.

"The game is up," the Kid calmly announced. With his men he rushed to the windows and returned the fire. The streets of the little village were filled with whistling bullets. Murphy sent two gunmen, Charlie Crawford and Lucio Montoya, to the Montano and Patron house in an effort to reduce the effectiveness of the McSween faction.

They climbed to the roofs of the former where Fernando Herrera, one of the best shots of the Chavez men, with his first shot struck the head of Crawford who toppled from the roof. Montoya turned and tried to descend but Herrera fired at him and he, too, plunged to the earth.

Throughout the day Lincoln roared with gunfire and screams of the wounded and dying echoed through the streets. A housewife sent a rider to Fort Stanton for help and the next morning Major N. A. M. Dudley, commanding,



AUTHOR AND HEIRLOOM — Rafaelita Pryor, author of historical article "Siege of the McSween House", is shown standing by antique dresser that was a wedding gift to her mother from her father Frank Salazar. The dresser was made in Mexico City and Mr. Salazar brought it and wash stand to Lincoln County from Mexico.

all firing ceased until she reached a place of safety. Then he called to his good friend, Zamora, "All right, Amigo, make a try!"

Zamora kicked the door open and rushed out, shooting. He was followed by Harvey Morris who went through the opening and leaped high as bullets ripped into his body. He toppled over Zamora.

Then Vincento Romero raced out, shooting with both hands, only to fall upon the bodies. McSween and the Kid stood in the doorway facing death. Billy handed the attorney a gun but he shook his head, "I've never used one," he said, "and I won't start now." He stepped through the door calling to Murphy, "He, too, fell--and legends say, grasping a Bible."

Inside, the Kid turned to those remaining and said, "Let's go!" They rushed into the patio, firing straight toward their assailants as they ran, leaving Bob Beckwith, a Murphy adherent, dead, and two others of the enemy wounded. Billy made it to the low wall above the river, leaped over it and slid to safety down the steep bank.

Ygnio Salazar, who had left the house with the Kid, said, "I had not run a dozen steps before I was struck by three bullets which hit my hand, my left shoulder, and my left side. The latter bullet passed through my body."

"I fell among the bodies of McSween, Romero, Zamora, and Morris, lying unconscious while. When I realized where I was the fight was ended. The Murphy men were laughing, singing, and drinking. I thought my only chance was to play dead. I sprawled as motionless as possible."

"Andy Boyle kicked me to see if I was dead. His heavy boots struck my wounded side and the torture was so terrible that I could hardly restrain a scream. When I felt the muzzle of his rifle press against my chest I thought my time had come. Then I heard Old Man Pearce (Milo) tell Boyle not to waste a bullet on me for I was already dead. I silently thanked my guardian angel. For sometime I still had to feign death but when the crowd finally tired of their gruesome play, all left. I was

the most thankful man in the world.

"I had lain there suffering and bleeding about three hours. I crawled down by the river intending to go to the Montoya house but stopped when I saw the camp of the soldiers. I reached the home of Francisco Romero y Valencio and rapped on the door, but the inmates were afraid to open it. Then I crawled to the Ellis house; they, too, refused to admit me. Next I made my way to the dwelling of Jose Otero where my sister-in-law, Nicolusita Pacheco, was staying. She recognized my voice and begged them to take me in. My shirt was stiff with blood. My sister-in-law began to cry but helped get me to bed."

The next morning Terrecita Tobasco drove to Fort Stanton and brought Dr. Richard Wells. While he was dressing my wounds John Kenny and three other Murphy men walked in. They had tracked me by my blood. They had come to finish the job but Dr. Wells talked them out of it. I stayed there two days; then Francisco Pacheco took me secretly to Las Tablas, a small settlement north of Capitan, now called Richardson. I was there some time but was taken to Fort Sumner where I lay in bed over six months."

As a result of the three-day battle which terminated the Lincoln County War, there were six dead, Romero, Zamora, and Crawford were buried in the old cemetery at Lincoln. Beckwith's body was taken to Seven Rivers. McSween and Morris are buried back of the McSween store near the grave of John Tunstall. Billy the Kid lived, but Murphy had won the war.

President Hayes was so shocked at the horror of the conflict that he had Governor Axtell removed and appointed General Lew Wallace to act in New Mexico.

Dudley was called before a court because of not having used the military to enforce neutrality. His defense was that he had no authority to use military for anything other than difficulties involving Indians or to respond to the appeal of a legally constituted officer. But in Lincoln, where Billy the Kid was loved by the people, there was rancor because the besieged got no assistance from Dudley.

Nor did the local people approve of Wallace's failure to keep his promise to the Kid. The governor had said that so long as New Mexico was a battleground for gunfighters and lawless renegades, those who would lay down their arms and quit fighting would not be held accountable for their previous acts. Billy had replied to the governor that it was too late for him to accept this offer, and that if he should attempt to ride out of Lincoln without his arms he would be killed. The Kid had refused this offer though many of his compadres did accept it and were not tried.

And regardless of how people of today regard the Kid, to a lot of his contemporaries he was a hero.

### It's the law!

ITEM: In Robinson, Illinois, a city ordinance prohibits entering the town with a motor vehicle without first calling the mayor's office. It's the law!

ITEM: A Kansas statute states that "... when two trains approach each other at a crossing they shall both come to a full stop, and neither shall start up until the other has gone." It's the law!

ITEM: Locomotive engineers in North Dakota are subject to punishment if they take their trains home with them in the evening, unless the trains carry full crew. It's the law!

ITEM: In Arkansas a waiter is not permitted to accept, directly or indirectly, a tip from any diner. It's the law.

ITEM: Children under the age of twelve who live in Blue Earth, Minnesota, may not use telephones without their parent's permission. It's the law!

ITEM: If you should be caught pilfering soap in Mohave County, Arizona, you may be required to wash yourself with it until it is all used up. It's the law!

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arrived with detachments of Negro troops and two Gatling guns.  
An ally of Murphy, he refused to stop the fight. Later he said that because the besieging party was a lawfully organized posse that he could not interfere unless requested to do so by the sheriff. He called for a momentary truce and spoke to those within the McSween house, suggesting that the Kid, McSween and the rest of the inmates surrender to Murphy. While he was parleying, Jimmie Dolan and Caleb Hall slipped to the rear of the adobe house, poured coal oil on the door and set it afire.  
The Kid ordered Mrs. McSween, Mrs. Ealy, and Mrs. Siskel, who had joined the other

two women, to leave. The latter obeyed but Mrs. McSween refused to leave her husband.  
As Major Dudley finished his orders the Kid realized that the house was burning. He replied to the military commander with bullets. Dudley turned the gun on the Chavez faction and sent them scurrying from the town. Next the Montano and Patron houses were riddled. Again the attack was centered on the McSween place which was burning. The inmates had withdrawn from one room to another before the flames forced them to leave the building.  
The Kid implored Mrs. McSween to go. As she bade farewell to her husband the boy yelled, "Lady coming out!" and



